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SUBJECT: MISSING AIRCRAFT AND AMCITS GLEN LOGAN
AND JOHN CHARNOK

REF: STATE 154044

1. CENTRAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR NETHERLANDS ANTILLES (NA), AIRPORT MANAGERS AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AT CURACAO, ARUBA, BONAIRE AND ST. MAARTEN AIRPORTS STATE THEY HAVE NO RECORD OF LANDING OR OVERFLIGHT OF TWIN ENGINE PIPER AZTEC, REG. NO. N5996Y. MANAGER AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ARUBA STATES HE CHECKED WITH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICIALS AT MARACAIBO AND PORT AU PRINCE. MARACAIBO HAS NO RECORD OF AIRCRAFT AND, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, PORT AU PRINCE HAS NO RECORD OF THIS AIRCRAFT LANDING OR DEPARTING HAITI ON EITHER APRIL 7 OR 8.

2. THIS ARUBAN OFFICIAL USED OPPORTUNITY OF CONOFF S CALL TO COMPLAIN BITTERLY ABOUT USG S SEEMINGLY LACKADAISICAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS U.S. CITIZEN PILOTS FLYING U.S. REGISTERED PRIVATE AIRCRAFT FILING APPARENTLY FRAUDULENT FLIGHT PLANS. VERY FREQUENTLY, THESE AIRCRAFT ARRIVE IN THE NA FROM THE U.S. OR ANOTHER CARIBBEAN ISLAND AND FILE FLIGHT PLANS FOR RETURN TO SIMILAR DESTINATIONS WHICH REQUIRE A FLIGHT PATH TO THE NORTH. THESE AIRFRAFT NEVER ARRIVE AT THE SCHEDULES DESTINATION OR, IF THEY DO ARRIVE, IT IS ONLY AFTER SEVERAL
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DAYS DELAY.

3. IF THESE AIRCRAFT ARE LOCATED AFTER BEING REPORTED OVERDUE/MISSING AT DESTINATION, THEY ARE CONSISTENTLY REPORTED TO HAVE LANDED OR CRASHED IN THE KNOWN DRUG SMUGGLING AREAS OF COLUMBIA OR ECUDOR, 180 DEGREES OF THE FLIGHT PLAN.

4. THE LARGE NUMBER OF THESE US PILOTS WHO FILE FALSE FLIGHT PLANS COST LOCAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CONSIDERABLE TIME AND MONEY IN MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORTS, NOTIFICATIONS TO SCHEDULED DESTINATIONS AND SEARCH EFFORTS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE SHEER NUMBER OF THESE FALSE ALARMS MAY MASK THE ACTUAL DISAPPEARANCE OF AN AIRCRAFT AND HINDER SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURES FOR A PILOT WHO HAS FILED A LEGITIMATE FLIGHT PLAN AND FAILS TO SHOW UP AT DESTINATION.

5. THIS OFFICIAL FEEL THAT REPORTS ON THESE AIRCRAFT TO THE FAA EITHER GOT NO ACTION OR ADEQUATE FOLLOW UP AND QUESTIONED THE EFFICACY OF CONTINUING THE REPORTS. HE PLANS TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH SEVERAL REGIONAL FAA OFFICIALS VISITING ARUBA ON JUNE 22.
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